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1. Mr. Carey informed me that at the request of Mr. Wisner he had called Senator Symington last night to inquire whether the announcement on 13 May by Senator McCarthy that his Committee had an extremely important matter up for investigation had any reference to CIA. Senator Symington stated that it did not.

2. Discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick the Westbrook Pegler column appearing in the Washington Times Herald of 15 May, quoting the DCI's letter to Senator Byrd. It is our thought that Senator Byrd has probably forwarded a copy of this letter to the people who have inquired of him concerning our refusal to make information available to Pegler. We also note in this column a reference to subsidizing of American editors.

3. I have requested Mr. Arens, Counsel to the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to restrict any public designation of the source of the letter dated 9 May from the DCI to Senator Watkins as "a Government agency" rather than "a Government intelligence agency". He has agreed to do so.

4. Mr. Borden, Director of the Staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, has handed me a copy of the Director's testimony given recently before that Committee. This copy is given to us for retention and any corrections that may be needed. I am forwarding it to Chief NED/OSI for any suggestions to the DCI.

5. Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) has phoned ^{Mr. Allen} me again to urge employment of [redacted] ^{Mr. Allen} I informed him that the processing had started on [redacted] application which had been favorably received, and that such processing normally took approximately three months.

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7. In accordance with instructions, I informed Mr. Flanagan, Counsel of the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee, that the questions regarding the China trade which he had asked me (see memorandum for the record dated 12 May) should be addressed to MSA in accordance with the agreement between the Committee and MSA, that the latter would coordinate all requests for this information. Mr. Flanagan informed me that there were such long delays in this procedure and that as the information had not been generally forthcoming, he was asking questions directly of the agencies rather than through MSA. I asked him whether he considered the Committee's agreement with MSA to be abrogated and he replied in the affirmative. He is therefore renewing his request to us for this information although he has no objection to our furnishing a copy of our replies to MSA for information.

8. Congressman Holifield has referred to me a letter which was received by former Congresswoman Douglas regarding the alleged marriage of a [redacted] to a [redacted]. The [redacted] woman stated in her letter that [redacted] was with CIA. [redacted] [redacted] was formerly assigned to CIA, but having been caught in a shooting affair in California we returned him to the Army. After discussing the matter with [redacted] of the Security Office I informed Congressman Holifield of the facts in the case and that we considered the [redacted] letter to be probably unfounded and the work of a crank. I have also asked that the Congressman not refer to CIA in this matter. As he is extremely friendly to us, he will brush the whole matter aside.

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